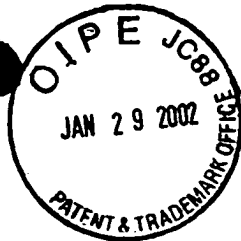


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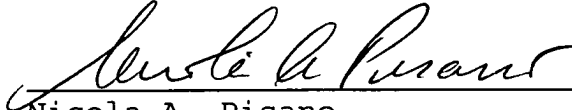
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U.S. Patents

6,295,989	10/2001	Connors, III
6,228,052	05/2001	Pohndorf
6,180,059	01/2001	Divino et al.
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* Applicant reserves the right to challenge the status of any
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5,938,645	08/1999	Gordon
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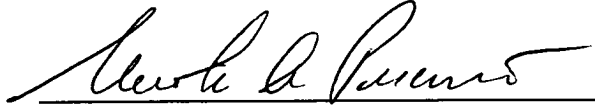
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Copies of the aforementioned documents, which are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate), are enclosed herewith.

It is respectfully requested that these documents be (1) fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application; and (2) printed on any patent that may issue on this application. Applicants request that a copy of Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate herewith), as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next communication.

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